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For: PRESSURE SENSITIVE ADHESIVES HAVING QUATERNARY AMMONIUM FUNCTIONALITY,
ARTICLES AND METHODS

Remarks

In response to the Office Action mailed 8 February 2005 and further to the Amendment and Response filed on 7 June 2005, Applicants submit this Supplemental Amendment and Response. Claims 1, 9, 24, 25, 41, and 45 having been amended, and claims 3, 16, 21, 22, 23, 26, 34, 37, 40, 48, and 51 having been cancelled, the pending claims are claims 1, 4-15, 17-20, 24-25, 27-33, 35-36, 38-39, 41-47, 49-50, and 52. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request that the previous Amendment and Response filed on 7 June 2005 and the current Supplemental Amendment and Response be entered in response to the Office Action dated 8 February 2005. A petition for Extension of Time has been included with this Amendment and Response.

Comments on Substance of the Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Yao for the courtesies extended in the interview of 19 July 2005 with Applicants' Representative, Ann M. Muetting. The claim amendments presented herein were discussed.

Applicants have incorporated the language of claim 3 into claim 1 as the Examiner suggested. Claims 9, 24, 25, and 41 have been amended in a similar fashion. Accordingly, each independent claim (claims 1, 9, 17, 20, 24, 25, and 41) includes a 3-monomer system which includes "at least one copolymerized poly(alkylene oxide) (meth)acrylic acid ester monomer." The Examiner indicated that if this language were incorporated into all independent claims, he would consider rejoining the withdrawn claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of the withdrawn claims.

It is noted that the article claims 27-33, 35, 36, 38, 39, and 52 all depend off one of the independent claims, as do the method of use claims 44-47, 49, and 50. Finally, it is noted that claims 41-43 are method claims which also include the 3-monomer system.

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Summary

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims 1, 4-15, 17-20, 24-25, 27-33, 35-36, 38-39, 41-47, 49-50, and 52 are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants= Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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